

A DEFINITION

Here's a pin-up for your bulletin boards. Sam Hayes, general manager of the Bethlehem Management Club in Hamburg, New York, sent in this poem, written by a member and recently published in the club's monthly paper.

The proof of the pudding is the eating, they say,
But the proof of a golfer is not
The number of strokes he takes in a day
Or the skill he puts into a shot.

There is more to the game than the score which you
make,
There's a truth which all golfers endorse—
You don't prove your worth by the shots which you
make
But the care which you take of the course.

The golfer is more than a ball-driving brute;
He is more than a mug-hunting czar.
To be known as a golfer, you don't have to shoot
The course of your home club in par.

You do have to love every blade of the grass,
Every inch of the fairway and greens.
If you don't take care of the course as you pass,
You're not what a good golfer means.

You watch a good golfer someday when you're out
And note what he does as he plays.
He never goes on, leaving divots about—
Till the grass is put back, there he stays.

Observe him in traps as he stands for his shot—
Then note when the ball has been played—
He never unthinking turns from the spot—
Till he's covered the footprints he's made.

You may brag of your scores and boast of your skill,
You may think as a golfer you're good,
But if footprints you make in traps and don't fill
You don't love the game as you should.

For the attitude unto the sport you enjoy
Isn't proven by brilliance or force;
The proof of a golfer—now get this, my boy—
Is the care you take of the course.

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